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## 24-HOUR REPORT

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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Martinez—Gang Warfare Led to Massive Norteños Bust

(U) Law enforcement officials from across Contra Costa County have arrested and charged 22 suspected Norteños in one of the biggest gang busts in county history, prosecutor Aron DeFerrari announced yesterday. The bust, which took place last week, was the result of a long-running investigation involving 13 agencies that culminated in an intensive, eight-week surveillance effort. The sweep resulted in the seizure of 18 guns, about \$15,000 in cash and a large quantity of methamphetamine and heroin.

SOURCE: 10 August 2016, [Mercury News](#)

#### (U) Stockton—Largest County Marijuana Grow Found

(U) Authorities in Stockton have seized an estimated 40,000 marijuana plants, the largest indoor marijuana grow ever in the history of San Joaquin County. San Joaquin County Sheriff's deputies found the grow operation in an abandoned warehouse on Market Street with what appeared to be a filtration system above the plants. Four people were detained at the scene.

SOURCE: 10 August 2016, [ABC 10](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) Arkansas—Deputy Dies Responding to 911 Call

(U) Sebastian County—A standoff at an Arkansas home yesterday morning has killed one police officer and injured another, according to Sebastian County Sheriff Bill Hollenbeck. Police were dispatched to 35-year-old Billy Jones' home in Sebastian County and found him holding a rifle and wearing body armor, Hollenbeck said. Jones began firing at the officers, striking 65-year-old Deputy Bill Cooper in the neck and grazing another officer. Jones surrendered to police nearly five hours later and was taken into custody by Arkansas State Police.

SOURCE: 10 August 2016, [ABC News](#)

#### (U) District of Columbia—45,000 ISIL Fighters Taken off Iraq, Syria Battlefields

(U) Washington—The top US commander for the fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) group says that the military campaigns in Iraq and Syria have taken 45,000 enemy combatants off the battlefield. Lt. Gen. Sean MacFarland said yesterday that the number and quality of ISIL fighters is declining and could be as low as about 15,000. He says it's difficult to determine accurate numbers, but that estimate is lower than the 19,000 to 25,000 fighters that officials cited earlier this year.

SOURCE: 10 August 2016, [Associated Press](#)

#### (U) District of Columbia—Hack of Democrats' Account Wider Than Believed

(U) Washington—A Russian cyberattack that targeted Democratic politicians was bigger than it first appeared and breached the private email accounts of more than 100 party officials and groups, officials with knowledge of the case said yesterday. The main targets appear to have been the personal email accounts of Hillary Clinton's campaign officials and party operatives, but the hack now appears to have extended well beyond and organizations like the Democratic Governors' Association may also have been

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affected. American intelligence agencies have said they have “high confidence” that the attack was the work of Russian intelligence agencies.

SOURCE: 10 August 2016, [New York Times](#)

**(U) Maryland—ISIL Responsible for 26 Percent of Terrorism Deaths in 13 Years**

(U) College Park—Between 2002 and 2015, ISIL was either directly or indirectly responsible for terrorist attacks that killed more than 33,000 people and wounded 41,000 more, according to a new analysis from the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Response to Terrorism. According to the study, April 2013 seems to mark the beginning of the expansion of attacks by ISIL, with an expansion not only in geographic scope but also the number of attacks and their violence.

SOURCE: 9 August 2016, [Washington Post](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL**

**(U) Canada—Police Kill Suspect in ‘Anti-Terror Operation’**

(U) Strathroy—A Canadian man previously banned from associating with ISIL extremists has been killed as Canada's national police force thwarted what they believed was a suicide bomb plot, a senior police official said. The suspect, 24-year-old Aaron Driver, allegedly planned to carry out a suicide bombing in a public area, according to the police official. Driver had been under the spotlight for at least a year, as authorities believed he was a threat because he could help terror groups.

SOURCE: 11 August 2016, [New York Times](#)

**(U) Libya—Libyans ‘Oust’ ISIL from Sirte Headquarters**

(U) Sirte—US-backed Libyan militias say they have seized control of ISIL headquarters in Sirte. The city, which has been under ISIL’s control since February 2015, was considered the militant group’s most significant stronghold in Libya. Fighters took control of the Ouagadougou [convention] center, as well as Sirte's Ibn Sina hospital and university campus, according to a spokesman for forces loyal to Libya's UN-backed government of national accord. The US has estimated that ISIL has fewer than 1,000 fighters in Sirte, many of whom are foreigners and veterans of the conflict in Syria and Iraq.

SOURCE: 10 August 2016, [BBC](#)

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